

***25th Annual Virginia C. Phillips
Community and Home Health Day***

**CRITERIA FOR EXCELLENCE IN
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PRACTICE AWARD**

The Excellence in Public Health Nursing Practice Award is given annually to a Public Health Nurse to recognize outstanding contributions to the health of the community or the state. The following are established criteria for this award:

- 1. Currently employed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in a direct service role.*
- 2. Promotes the image and the high standards of Public Health Nursing at DHEC.*
- 3. Uses the Standards of Public Health Nursing Practice established by the American Nurses' Association as the basis for his/her nursing practice (See Attachment).*
- 4. Acts as a strong advocate for individual clients and/or for the community.*
- 5. Actively participates in professional health care associations and/or community organizations.*

To submit a nomination for this award: complete the attached form, along with a *letter of nomination and two letters of support for the nurse nominated.

****The letter of nomination should describe the nominee's contributions and describe how he/she has met the above criteria for the award.***

AMERICAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION STANDARDS OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PRACTICE

"Public health nursing is the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social, and public health sciences (American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section 1996). Public health nursing is population-focused, community-oriented nursing practice. The goal of public health nursing is the prevention of disease and disability for all people through the creation of conditions in which people can be healthy."

STANDARDS

- I. *Assessment – The public health nurse assesses the health status of populations using data, community resources identification, input from the population, and professional judgment.*
- II. *Diagnosis – The public health nurse analyzes collected assessment data and partners with the people to attach meaning to those data and determine opportunities and needs.*
- III. *Outcomes Identification – The public health nurse participates with other community partners to identify expected outcomes in the populations and their health status.*
- IV. *Planning – The public health nurse promotes and supports the development of programs, policies, and services that provide interventions that improve the health status of populations.*
- V. *Assurance: Action Component of the Nursing Process for Public Health Nursing – The public health nurse assures access and availability of programs, policies, resources, and services to the population.*
- VI. *Evaluation – The public health nurse evaluates the health status of the population.*

These standards were adopted by the American Nurses' Association in 1999.

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NOMINATION FORM**

DUE: June 11, 2004

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Complete this form.*
2. *Write letter of nomination.*
3. *Obtain no more than two letters of support.*
4. *Submit 10 copies of each form/letter to:*

VCP/HH Planning Committee
SCDHEC - Office of Public Health Nursing
Mills/Jarrett Complex
Box 101106
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

AND

5. *Submit a recent digital picture of the nominee via email to **Ted Hewitt** at hewittre@dhec.sc.gov.*

I wish to place in nomination:

<i>NAME/TITLE</i>	
<i>PRACTICE AREA (S):</i>	
<i>DISTRICT</i>	
<i>NAME/TITLE OF PERSON SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION</i>	
<i>BUSINESS</i>	
<i>BUSINESS ADDRESS</i>	
<i>PRACTICE AREA (S):</i>	

NAME/TITLES OF INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTING LETTER (S) OF SUPPORT:

1. _____
2. _____